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BEGIN SUMMARY: FAILURE OF IMET STUDENTS FROM YAR POSES
SERIOUS CHALLENGE TO MILITARY SALES PROGRAM. GREATER CARE
IS REQUIRED IN SELECTION, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO PRE-
SCREENING OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE CAPABILITY. END SUMMARY.

1 EMBASSY IS DISTRESSED WITH FAILURE OF SIX YEMENI
STUDENTS TO IMPROVE THEIR ENGLISH LANGUAGE CAPABILITY
ENOUGH TO MATRICULATE TO PROFESSIONAL MILITARY STUDIES.
WE RECOGNIZE --- AND APPRECIATE --- EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES
MADE TO EXTEND STUDENTS AND COACH THEM RETURN OF
ANOTHER STUDENT FOR MEDICAL PROBLEMS IS FURTHER INDICATION
OF NEED TO TIGHTEN SELECTION STANDARDS HERE. WE HAVE
RAISED THIS PROBLEM WITH CHIEF OF STAFF AL-
GHASHMI ALREADY. HE WILL HELP.

2. WE ARE AT SAME TIME CHEERED BY RETURN OF
THREE OFFICERS --- ON SCHEDULE ORIGINALLY PRO-
JECTED --- HAVING CREDITABLY COMPLETED

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PREFESSIONAL AND LANGUAGE STUDIES. THEY WERE BEAMING AND GAVE
IMPRESSION OF BEING NEW MEN, FILLED WITH IDEAS
AND DRIVE TO USE NEW KNOWLEDGE, STRAIGHT-
FORWARD IN WAY THAT NO RPT NO SOVIET TRAINED
OFFICER WILL EVER BE.

3. POINT THAT IS WORTH UNDERSCORING IS THAT IMET

FILLS VITAL DIMENSION IN REORGANIZATION AND RE-ORIENTATION OF YEMENI ARMED FORCES. WE SEEK THEIR CHANGE FROM SOVIET TO US WEAPONS, TACTICS, COMMAND AND SUPPORT DOCTRINES. SALES CASES PAY FOR WEAPONS TRAINING AND TECHNICAL COURSES IN LOGISTICS OF PARTICULAR SYSTEMS BUT IMET IS ONLY VEHICLE TO PROVIDE YEMENI OFFICERS WITH OVERVIEW OF HOW ALL WEAPONS AND OTHER SYSTEMS WORK TOGETHER IN OUR SYSTEM. THUS IMET PROVIDES FOR ASSIMILATION NOT USE OF WEAPONS. IT ALSO IS CRUCIAL TO USE IMET TO ESTABLISH WITHIN YAR MILITARY A SMALL BUT HOPEFULLY WELL TRAINED AND INFLUENTIAL CADRE TO COUNTER THE PERVASIVE SOVIET INFLUENCE.

4. FAILURE RATE OF YEMENI TRAINEES, SO FAR, CAN AND WILL BE CUT BUT IT REFLECTS IN PART NOVELTY OF PROGRAM TO THIS MISSION AND YAR MILITARY AND LACK OF ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES. ALSO, FIRST TWO GROUPS ASSEMBLED HASTILY DUE FUNDING PROBLEMS. IN DEEPER SENSE, OF COURSE, RATE OF FAILURE IS INDICATION OF PROBLEMS WHICH YAR WILL INEVITABLY HAVE WITH LARGE NEW PACKAGE OF ARMS. IN OUR VIEW, PROBLEMS ARE REASON TO PERSIST WITH IMET, NOT REASON TO DOUBT OR CUT IT. YEMEN IS
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NEEDY FRIEND. WE MUST A
FO USE IMET HELP OUR
SAUDI FRIENDS BRING YAR INTO NEW MILITARY POSTURE OF ACCOMMODATION AND COORDINATION RATHER THAN POTENTIAL STAND-OFF OR CONFLICT.

5. SEPTTEL PROPOSES IDEA FOR LOCAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING UNIT FOR SCREENING OUT SLOW LEARNERS AND BRINGING OTHERS UP TO LEVEL WHICH WILL MINIMIZE COSTLY STATE-SIDE TRAINING. THIS IS BASIS OF NUMBER OF OTHER PERSONAL EFFORTS TO WORK MORE CLOSELY WITH YEMENIS HERE IN GETTCHZ BEST STUDENTS FOR US TRAINING SLOTS.

6. FOR COUNTRY THAT FITS NO RPT NO NORM,
EXCEPTIONAL MEASURES ARE REQUIRED.
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